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## GIVES DATA ON ROAD REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION

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As of September 1950, 80 percent of the 17,500 kilometers of state and provincial highways in Southwest China were passable. Four highways, totaling 543 kilometers, are under urgent repair in the Huai Ho valley. Due to increase in operations costs, the Shantung Provincial Transportation Company has increased its transportation charges by about 30 percent.

CANTON REOPENS HAI-CHU BRIDGE -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 9 Nov 50

Canton, 8 November -- Canton's Hai-chu bridge, which was destroyed by the Nationalists on 14 October 1949, has been completely repaired, and was reopened for traffic on the afternoon of 7 November 1950. It took a year and 23 days to complete the work. The bridge was rebuilt practically in its original form except that the center portion, which previously opened, was built about 3 feet higher to give clearance to larger ships without opening. The bridge is 600 feet long and 69 feet wide.

REPORTS CONDITION OF HIGHWAYS IN NORTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST CHINA -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 7 Nov 50

Peiping, 23 October -- Repairs on highways in the Northeast are being completed rapidly. When the Northeast was liberated, about 80 percent of the highways in the area were not passable due to extensive damage inflicted by the Nationalists. However, during the past 2 years, the Northeast People's government has mobilized 4,300,000 civilians and 732,000 carts to

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repair 8,000 kilometers of roadbeds, and has built or repaired 2,320 large and small bridges, culverts, and protective walls. At present, under the control of the Northeast Highway Bureau, there are 109 operative highways (excluding Jehol Province), totaling more than 9,000 kilometers. According to May 1950 data, during the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years prior to that month, a total of 1,400,000 passengers and 176,000 tons of freight were transported over these highways.

In Southwest China, as of September 1950, there were 17,500 kilometers of state and provincial highways, of which about 80 percent were passable. When this area was liberated, most of these highways, including 105 bridges totaling 3,000 meters were severely damaged by the Nationalists. Reconstruction was begun immediately, and by June 1950, data showed that 93 bridges on state highways, totaling 1,700 meters, and 143 bridges on provincial highways, were completely repaired. With the restoration of highways, the transportation industry was revived and the amount of passenger and freight carried by the state-owned transportation companies in July 1950 increased about 3 times over that of February 1950. Privately owned transportation companies with government help, also returned to normal operational condition. At present, there are more than 1,000 trucks and buses operated by these companies and they are they are transporting from two to three times as much cargo as in May 1950.

REPAIR AND BUILD ROADS IN HUAI HO VALLEY -- Ho-fei, Huan-pei Jih-pao, 31 Oct 50

Ho-fei, Anhwei -- To provide facilities for the transportation of the materials and supplies needed for the Huai Ho regulation project, the Northern Anhwei Relief and Huai Ho Regulation Headquarters, in addition to ordering the repair of existing roads in the affected region, has decided upon the construction of the following roads:

- 1. Liu-an--Shou-hsien--Cheng-yang-kuan road. This will connect with the Fou-yang--Cheng-yang-kuan road and become the main north-south trunk highway in this part of the Huai Ho valley. Length 136 kilometers.
- 2. Pang-fou- Fou-yang road. This will be the principal eastwest road north of this section of the river. Length 171 kilometers.
- 3. Su-hsien--Ssu-hsien--Wu-ho road. This road will connect the Su-hsien Special District with water transport on the Huai Ho at Wu-ho. Length 146 kilometers.
- 4. Fou-yang-Ying-shang-Cheng-yang-kuan road. This road will connect the Fou-yang Special District with water transport at Cheng-yang-kuan. Length 91 kilometers. This will require a large amount of work on the restoration of dikes destroyed in last summer's flood.

The total length of these four roads, whose construction is of urgent importance, is 543 kilometers. The most important of the existing roads to be reconditioned is that from Ho-fei to Liu-an.

SHANTUNG RAISES BUS FARES -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 1 Nov 50

Tsinan -- In view of the increase of operating costs varying from 30 to 100 percent for different items, (a large Dodge tire which cost 4,700,000 yuan on 18 May 1950 now costs 9,975,000), the Shantung Provincial Transportation Company, beginning 1 November 1950, has increased by approximately 30 percent its charges for transportation throughout the province.

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Examples of the new charges are as follows:

Fuel	<u>Vehicle</u>	Load	Rate of Charges (Yuan)
Gasoline Charcoal Gasoline Charcoal	Coaches Coaches Trucks Trucks	Passengers " "	280 per person per km 250 " " " " 250 " " " "
/No data/	Coaches Trucks	Passengers, baggage Passengers,	4.00 per kg per km
Two data/	Trucks	baggage	3.70

Class of Freight	By Gas Trucks (yuan)	By Charcoal Trucks (yuan)	Rate	9 01	Ch.	arges	
lst	3,500	2,500	per	km	per	ton	
2d	3,900	2,800	- 11	Ħ		**	
3d	4,400	3,100	11	11	11	n	
4th	4,900	3,500	11	#1	11	11	

The charge for ferrying across a river is 54,400 yuan per vehicle per crossing. The Tsinan local bus fares, beginning 1 November 1950, are set as follows: from 12 Wei Lu to the Provincial Yamen plaza 900 yuan, instead of 700; for any one fare zone, 500 yuan instead of 400; and from Tsinan City to Lo-k'ou (the Yellow River Railway bridge crossing) 900 yuan.

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